

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, since 1992, May of each year has been declared nationally and statewide as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, a celebration dedicated to recognizing, understanding, and valuing Americans of Asian/Pacific ancestry; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2000 Census has revealed the population of Asian Pacific Alexandrians has increased 62% between 1990 and 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 7,200 people of Asian/Pacific heritage have made this City their home; and

**WHEREAS**, many came here as immigrants and brought with them a rich culture and a belief in freedom's promise and a willingness to work hard for the American dream; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian Pacific Alexandrians have enriched our City's life and culture with their energy and talents through the sharing and teaching of their stories, cuisine, music, art history and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, with their wide-ranging skills, traditions of hard work, and respect for family and education, Asian Pacific Alexandrians are helping to build a more vibrant and diverse Alexandria;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, KERRY J. DONLEY**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2002, as:

**"ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH"**

in the City of Alexandria.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 2002.

**KERRY J. DONLEY** **MAYOR**

On behalf of the City Council  
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC City Clerk